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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.RAMESH

CRL OP No. 34275 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012786612026}

Kumar @ Tony
S/o.Vincent,
No.27 3, Municipal Quarters Near,
Ranipet, Ranipet District.

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State rep by the Inspector of Police
Ranipet AWPS Police Station,
Ranipet District.
Cr.No.44/2026.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.44 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.ARUN KUMAR

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.M.I. Khaleel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.06.2026 for the alleged offence under Sections 75(1), 75(2), 79 of BNS Act, 2023 and Section 11(1), 11(3), 12 of POCSO Act, 2012 in Crime No.44 of 2026 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.The allegation against the petitioner is that he exposed his private parts

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to the victim, aged 13 years. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the Petitioner.

4. Per contra, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the Respondent Police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that the victim is aged 13 years, whereas the petitioner is aged 30 years. He also produced the statement of the victim recorded under Section 183(5) of BNSS. Hence, he opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. I have given my anxious consideration to either side submissions and perused the materials available on record.

6. It is a case of sexual harassment of the child. According to the prosecution, on 21.06.2026, the petitioner stood in front on her house called out loudly to the defacto complainant's minor daughter and exposed himself to her. The petitioner was arrested on 23.06.2026 and has been in judicial custody since then. The investigation has been completed and the charge sheet has been filed in Spl.SC.No.102 of 2026. Considering the above facts and circumstances of

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the case, statement of the victim child, the fact that the completion of investigation and filing of the charge sheet and the period of incarceration already undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** with **two sureties each** for a like sum to the satisfaction of the **learned Judicial Magistrate cum District Munsif Court, Ranipet, Ranipet District,** and on further conditions that:

[a] the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the Application for Surety ship [Judicial Form No.46 annexed to 'The Criminal Rules of Practice, 2019']. The learned Magistrate shall obtain a copy of any one of the identity proofs to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioner shall report before the Trial Court on all hearing dates without fail;

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

[e] On breach of any of the aforementioned conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to pass appropriate orders against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the aforementioned conditions have been imposed

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and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)13 SCC 283];**

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate cum District Munsif Court, Ranipet, Ranipet District.

2. The Inspector of Police
Ranipet AWPS Police Station,
Ranipet District.

3.The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Vellore District.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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